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11. (C) Pol-Econ Chief delivered reftel demarche on February 6 to Humeid al-Ma'ani, Office Director for the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ma'ani responded that the government of Oman appreciated the "very difficult" situation in Lebanon and would seriously consider our requests for support. (Note: The note verbale from the Secretary was also sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on

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February 6. End Note.)

12. (C) The Ambassador plans to see Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yusef bin Alawi on February 9 to encourage Omani support for Lebanon per reftel. Bin Alawi's response will be reported septel. GRAPPO